

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2543 - SB 2571

February 20, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all persons employed as food service workers who come into contact with food to annually obtain a health certificate from a physician or from the county health department indicating that the person is free from diseases transmissible through food. Requires the Commissioners of Agriculture and Health to design, print and distribute certificates.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$60,000

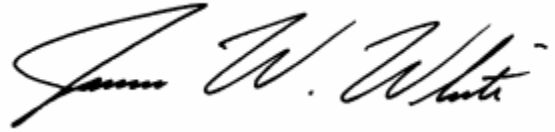
Other Fiscal Impact – Possible decrease in revenues exceeding \$225,000 (\$48,000 in state funds and \$177,400 in federal funds at a 78.7% match rate) from the blind vendor fund.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will issue health certificates to employees of food service establishments regulated by the department
- The Department estimates printing 500,000 certificates at 12 cents a certificate for a total cost of \$60,000.
- The Department of Human Services currently has approximately 480 blind vendors and their employees as part of the blind vendor program. The Department sets aside a percentage of the net proceeds of the vending facilities which is used to bring in additional federal matching funds for the benefit of the blind vendor program.
- The loss of net proceeds from the operation of the vending facilities due to the cost of the examinations for the licensed blind vendors and their employees could result in the loss of blind vendor funds exceeding \$225,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director